



Books about Horses

Picture Books, Readers and Children's Non-Fiction

Picture Books and Readers

E ADA *Clarence Goes Out West and Meets a Purple Horse*, Jean Ekman Adams

- While visiting a western ranch, Clarence the pig plays cards, line dances, plays the washtub in a cowboy band, and reads stories at bedtime with his new friend Smoky the purple horse.

Also: *Clarence and the Purple Horse Bounce Into Town* and *Clarence and the Great Surprise*, Jean Ekman Adams E ADA

E ADD *When Wishes Were Horses*, Sharon Addy

- On a hot, dusty day as Zeb is walking to the general store, he wishes for a horse, but soon his one horse grows into a snorting, stamping herd.

E AND *We Go In A Circle*, Peggy Perry Anderson

- An injured race horse is rehabilitated to carry riders in hippo therapy--horseback riding used as physical therapy.

E BLU *Black Diamond and Blake*, Deborah Blumenthal

- After an injury, Black Diamond, a racehorse, is sent to a country prison where he forms a strong bond with the inmate assigned to care for him. Includes facts on programs that pair animals with prisoners who learn how to take care of them.

E BRA *The Perfect Pony*, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

- While searching for a sleek, fast, and spirited pony to own, a young girl comes to realize that the "perfect" pony is actually very different.

E BRE *Fritz and the Beautiful Horses*, Jan Brett

- Fritz, a pony excluded from the group of beautiful horses within the walled city, becomes a hero when he rescues the children of the city.

E CHO *Moonstruck: the True Story of the Cow Who Jumped Over the Moon*, Gennifer Choldenko

- The horse seriously doubts that the cow will ever be able to jump over the Moon but offers respect and admiration when the determined bovine accomplishes that feat.

E DOY *Horse*, Malachy Doyle

- Illustrations and simple text describe the first year of a foal's life, from his birth one spring night, through lazy summer days, to the next spring, when he is old enough to be bridled like his mother.

E EGA *Roasted Peanuts*, Tim Egan

- Sam the horse gets picked to be on the local baseball team, but unfortunately his friend Jackson the cat, despite being a good thrower, is not selected.

E ELY *Cowboy José*, Susan Middleton Elya

- A poor cowboy enters a rodeo to win a date from a pretty señorita, but afterwards wonders if he should spend his winnings on the girl or on his trusty horse, whose encouragement helped him win.

E HAA *No Foal Yet*, Jessie Haas

- Nora and her grandparents wait for their horse Bonnie to have her foal.

E HAA *Sugaring*, Jessie Haas

- Nora wants to find a way to give the horses a special treat for helping her grandfather and her gather sap to make maple syrup.

E HAS *Twenty Heartbeats*, Dennis Haseley

- After waiting for decades for the portrait of his prize horse to be finished, an angry rich man decides to confront the artist.

E HAV *Call the Horse Lucky*, Juanita Havill

- While visiting her grandmother in the country, Mel discovers a neglected horse, whose sad, glazed eyes prompt her to start a rescue process that results in his being moved to a horse rescue ranch to revive him and treat his problems

E HOB *Everything but the Horse: a Childhood Memory*, Holly Hobbie

- When Holly's family moves from the city to a farm, she longs to get a horse for her birthday. Based on events in the author's childhood.

E HOF *Horsefly*, Alice Hoffman

- Jewel is afraid of everything until her grandfather gives her a special horse to raise, a small horse with the ability to fly.

E JEF *My Chincoteague Pony*, Susan Jeffers

- Every summer on Chincoteague Island, there is an auction of wild ponies. If Julie works hard and saves her money, perhaps she can win the pony of her dreams, her very own Chincoteague pony.

E JEF *My Pony*, Susan Jeffers

- Sally asks her mother to reread the story about a girl who, after creating many paintings of the pony she hoped for, grew up to become an artist.

E KAY *Whatever Happened to the Pony Express?*, Verla Kay

- A family's cross-country communication changes during the development and demise of the Pony Express. Includes author's note about the history of mail delivery in the United States.

E LON *Mustang Canyon*, Jonathan London

- A young mustang is separated from its mother when a plane sweeps over the canyon and the horses run from the noise.

E NUM *Ponyella*, Laura Joffe Numeroff and Nate Evans

- Ponyella's dream of showing Princess Penelope her tricks at the pony championship comes true with the help of her fairy godmare.

E OCO *Chico*, Sandra Day O'Connor

- When six-year-old Sandra rides her horse, Chico, to see the newborn calf on her father's ranch, she encounters a rattlesnake and depends on Chico to get them back safely.

E OSB *Moonhorse*, Mary Pope Osborne

- A winged horse takes a child on a wonderful night journey into outer space.

E PEC *Way out West on My Little Pony*, Jan Peck

- A child encounters many critters while riding down the trail on a pony.

E RAN *Pony Island*, Candice F. Ransom

- Rhyming text describes the history of Chincoteague ponies. Includes facts about the ponies, their home on Assateague Island, and their relationship with the people of Chincoteague Island.

E RAS *Are You a Horse?*, Andy Rash

- When Roy gets a saddle for his birthday, he goes in search of a horse.

E YOL *Hush, Little Horsie*, Jane Yolen

- Rhyming text assures foals that their mothers are watching over them while they leap on a farm, frolic on a beach, gallop on a plain, and sleep in a stall.

J CALD GOB *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses*, Paul Goble

- Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.

Readers

R MEI ● *My Pony Jack*, Cari Meister

- Easy-to-read, rhyming text follows Lacy as she spends a day with her pony, giving him exercise, grooming him, and feeding him oats and hay.

Also: *My Pony Jack at the Horse Show* (R MEI ●) and *My Pony Jack at Riding Lessons* (R MEI ●) by Cari Meister

R CAP ● *Pedro's Burro*, Alyssa Satin Capucilli

- Pedro and his papa go to the market to look for the perfect burro.

R HAP ● *Pony Crazy*, Catherine Hapka

- Meg loves horses and has the good luck to move to the country where they live. Her and her new friend Jill feed, groom, and play with the horses and make a plan so it doesn't end.

Also: *Really Riding!* (R HAP ●), *At the Show* (R HAP ●) and *Back in the Saddle* (R HAP ●) by Catherine Hapka

R HEI ● *Robert the Rose Horse*, Joan Heilbroner

- Tom the cat becomes fascinated with his owner's new television set and tries to emulate everything that he sees.

R HOF ● *Chester*, Syd Hoff

- A wild horse searches for someone to love and care for him.

R LOC ● *Ponies and Horses*, Fiona Lock

- See what ponies and horses are used for and how they jump and race.

R PAR ● *Barbie: Horse Show Champ*, Jessie Parker

- Barbie gets herself and her horse, Tawny, ready for a horse show. Barbie's youngest fans will want to saddle up and trot smartly into reading with Barbie!

R POL ● *Ponies*, Pam Pollack

- Introduces facts about ponies, where and how they live, and how to take care of them.

R FRA ● *Flicka: a Friend for Katy*, Jennifer Frantz

- Katy finds a wild black mustang, and against her father's wishes she does all she can to keep and tame this horse that she names Flicka. Based on the novel *My Friend Flicka* by Mary O'Hara.

R GER ● *Lucky*, Jane Gerver

- Spurred on by her older sister, Amy works hard to overcome her nervousness so that she and her horse Lucky can compete in their first horse show.

Also: *Penny* (R GER ●) by Jane Gerver

R GUE ● *Iris and Walter True Friends*, Elissa Haden Guest

- Walter shows Iris how to make friends with his horse Rain, and in turn, Iris helps Walter deal with a problem at school.

R HOF ● *The Horse in Harry's Room*, Syd Hoff

- Although no one else can see it, Harry is very pleased to have a horse in his room.

R HOF ● *Barney's Horse*, Syd Hoff

- Though he is used to the city streets, Barney's horse becomes frightened of the noisy new overhead trains.

R HOL ● *Why Do Horses Neigh?*, Joan Holub

- Questions and answers present information about the behavior and characteristics of horses and their interactions with humans.

R SIL ● *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine*, Erica Silverman

- Cowgirl Kate and her cow horse, Cocoa, discover what it means to work, play, and be together--rain or shine.

Also: *Cowgirl Kate Cocoa: Partners* (R SIL ●), *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies* (R SIL ●), *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days* (R SIL ●) and *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Horse in the House* (R SIL ●) by Erica Silverman

R EAR ● *Fancy*, Kristin Earhart

- When Grace starts her riding lessons, she is paired with a gentle Welsh pony named Fancy.

Also: *Patch* (R EAR ●), *Starlight* (R EAR ●) by Kristin Earhart

R MIL ● *Stormy*, Elizabeth Mills

- Shady Glen Stables is full of friends who love to ride horses, but Casey, Becky and Hannah don't like each other at all; however, the three become friends because of their experiences at the stables.

Also: *Belle* (R MIL ●) and *Dash* (R MIL ●) by Elizabeth Mills

R WEY ● *Diamond*, Suzanne Weyn

- A new horse arrives at River Run Ranch. However, because she is an older horse, no one wants to ride her, except Ava.

Also: *Snowflake* (R WEY ●) by Suzanne Weyn

Non-Fiction

J 306.095 LEW *Horse Song: the Naadam of Mongolia*, Ted and Betsy Lewin

- Describes the landscapes, people, and activities encountered during a trip to Mongolia an annual summer festival where child jockeys ride half-wild horses for miles across the Mongolian steppe.

J 590 ABL *A Horse in the House, and Other Strange But True Animal Stories*, Gail Ablow

- Strange, but true, stories featuring animals from around the world.

J 636.1 DIE *The Clydesdale Horse*, John Diedrich

- This book describes Clydesdale horses, including their history, physical features, and primary uses.

J 636.1 MAA *The Appaloosa Horse*, Sarah Maass

- Describes the Appaloosa horse, including its history, physical features, and uses today.

J 636.1 MIN *Farm Animals: Horses*, Cecilia Minden

- An introduction to horses on the farm.

J 636.1 PAR *The American Quarter Horse*, Amanda Parise-Peterson

- This book describes American Quarter Horses, including their history, physical features, and primary uses.

J 636.1 PAR *The Shetland Pony*, Amanda Parise-Peterson

- This book describes the Shetland pony, including its history, physical features, and uses today.

J 636.1 WAL *See How Horses and Ponies Grow*, Kathryn Walker

- In this life cycle book, learn the difference between a horse and a pony; learn about Shetlands, Shires, Connemaras, and Welsh ponies. How to care for this favorite pet is also explored.

J 636.1 108 LEW *Stable*, Ted Lewin

- The history of Kensington Stables in Brooklyn, New York City.

J 636.108 MON *Caring for Your Horse*, Erin Monahan

- Describes caring for a horse, including supplies needed, feeding, cleaning, health, safety, and aging.

J 636.16 MAC *Ponies*, Kelly MacAulay and Bobbie Kalman

- *Ponies* introduces kids to the joys and responsibilities of proper pony care. *Ponies* covers key topics such as setting up the stable, feeding your pony and riding your pony safely.